

OMAHA, NE - Congressman Lee Terry (NE-02) today toured the Ainsworth Wind Energy Facility in Brown County, NE , on invitation of Nebraska Public Power District (NPPD) and Omaha Public Power District (OPPD). The renewable energy facility is benefiting from the Energy Policy Act of 2005 while serving Nebraskans.

"It is great to see Nebraskans embracing renewable energies," said Terry. "At a time when Americans are particularly tuned-in to the realization that we must have a diversified energy portfolio and turn to clean sources of energy, it is important to call attention to excellent projects such as this. □ I applaud the facility, as it shows that partnerships can create real results that help Nebraskans."

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As a member of the Energy and Commerce Committee, Terry assisted in authoring and amending the over 1,700-page Energy Policy Act that supports renewable sources of energy, such as wind energy. Signed into law the beginning of this month, the Energy Policy Act authorizes the Renewable Energy Production Incentives (REPI) for clean energy facilities.

The Ainsworth Wind Energy Facility directly benefits from this provision, helping the operation become home to 36 wind towers with a 1.65 megawatt turbine size for an actual nameplate capacity of 59.4 megawatt to supply Nebraskans with clean energy.

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"We are excited to be part of the state's largest wind□ energy project," said NPPD Vice

President and General Counsel John McClure. "This is a great example of Nebraska 's public power utilities working together to provide electricity with renewable technology."

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Nationwide, the Energy Policy Act wind incentives will help create an estimated 5,285 new megawatts of clean and renewable energy through 2007. Each new megawatt of wind energy creates between 15 and 19 direct and indirect jobs, for an estimated 100,000 new jobs through 2007 (American Wind Energy Association).

The wind facility is a partner project between NPPD, OPPD, JEA of Jacksonville, FL, Municipal Energy Agency of Nebraska, and Grand Island Utilities.

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